

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Magruder's Mill Ruins				
AND/OR HISTORIC: "Cabin John Mill"				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Cabin John Creek & River Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: M-NCPPC & Stone quarries				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is the site of one of Montgomery County's most interesting early mills. The ruins are situated on the east bank of Cabin John Creek, about 100 yards north of River Road. The quarry operation cut into the steep hills here, and much of the rubble has been pushed over the ruins. A low stone wall (now overgrown) can be seen. The walls do not now contain any mortar. The creek bank below here shows traces of a stone flume, or outrace, that descends in steps to the water. There was a ruined, part-stone/part-frame house (reportedly associated with the mill) that stood on River Rd., on the west bank of the creek, until the road was widened within the past few years.

A popular spring is located a few yards east of here on River Rd. It is at the end of a footpath, and has a considerable following among the local suburbanites.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was reportedly a large stone merchant mill, built in the early 1800's by Patrick Magruder. The land, known as "Doull's Park", was patented as "Hobson's Choice" to Dr. James Doull in 1762. Patrick Magruder was a member of the Md. House of Delegates, a member of the U.S. Congress from Md., Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Librarian of Congress. He was not as successful in his operation of the mill, however, as it changed hands several times. It was used as a paper mill at one time-the only one ever built in Mont. Co.-and reportedly burned about 1854.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) "The Rambler" articles, WASHINGTON STAR, early 1900's.
- 2) Stone, Lilly C. "Story of Patrick Magruder...", MONT. CO. RECORD, (ca. 1951).
- 3) BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN CONGRESS, p. 1254.
- 4) Article re "mineral spring" in WASH. STAR, (June, 1972).

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

4/21/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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# FALLS CHURCH QUADRANGLE

## VIRGINIA—MARYLAND

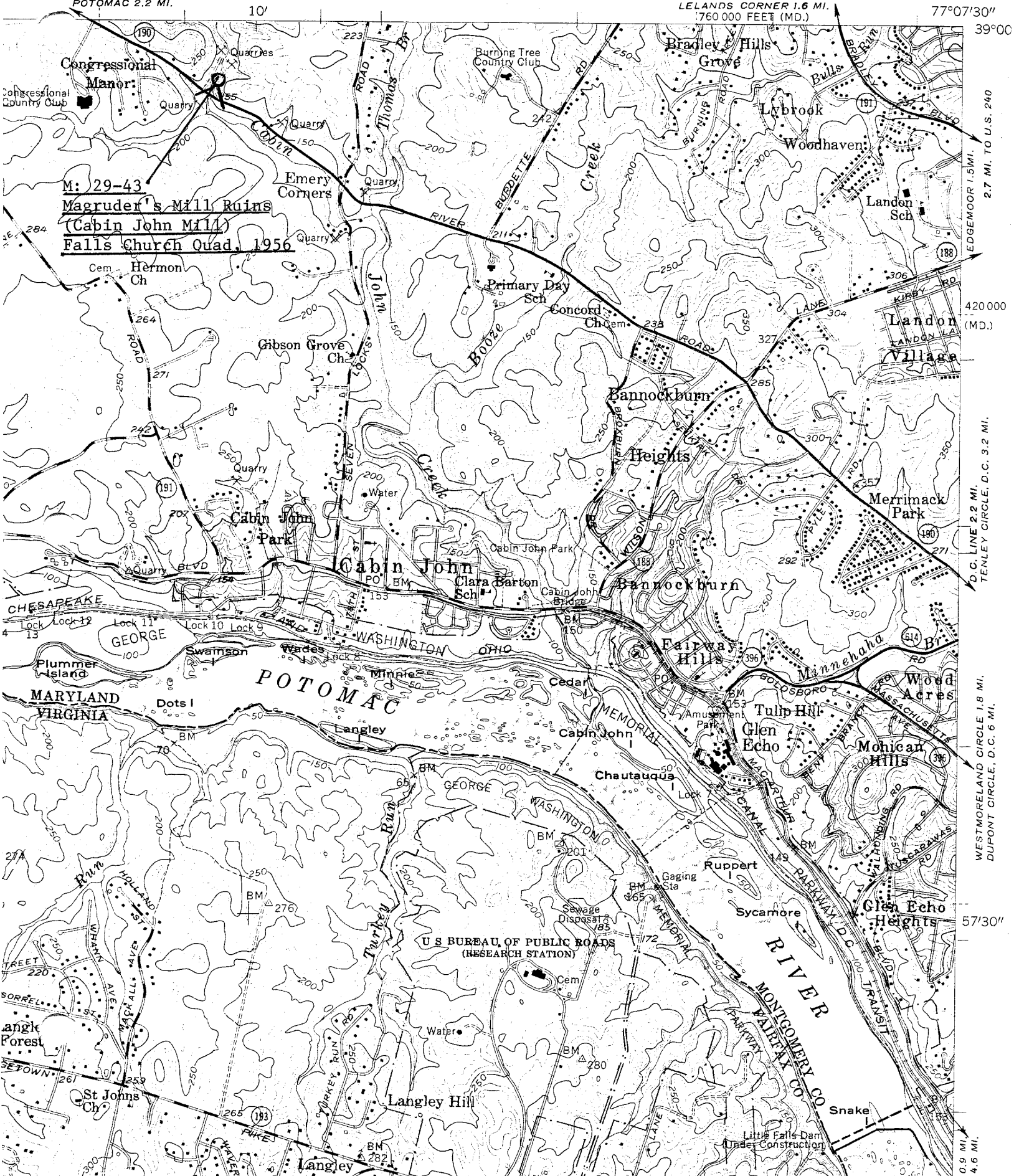
### 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

LELANDS CORNER 1.6 MI.  
760 000 FEET (MD.)

77°07'30"

39°00'

SENECA 11 MI.  
POTOMAC 2.2 MI.



EDGEMOOR 1.5 MI.  
2.7 MI. TO U.S. 240

420 000  
(MD.)

D.C. LINE 2.2 MI.  
TENLEY CIRCLE, D.C. 3.2 MI.

WESTMORELAND CIRCLE 1.8 MI.  
DUPONT CIRCLE, D.C. 6 MI.

57°30'

0.9 MI.  
4.6 MI.



NAME	MAGRUDER'S MILL RUINS (OUTRACE)	
LOCATION	CABIN JOHN CREEK, N SIDE OF RIVER RD	
FACADE	LOOKING N	BETHESDA, MD
PHOTO TAKEN	4/21/75 MDWVER	<u>#29-43</u>